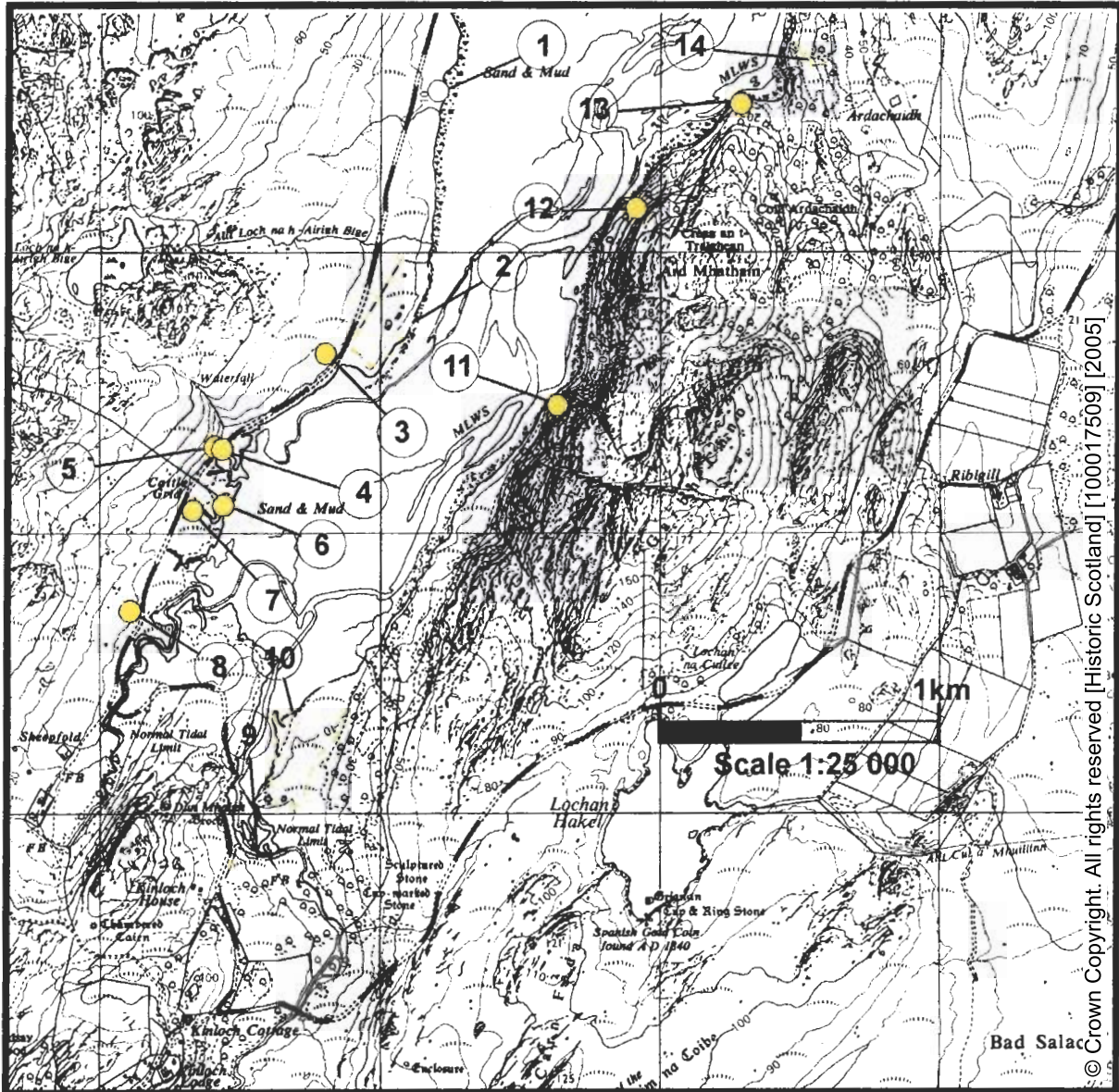
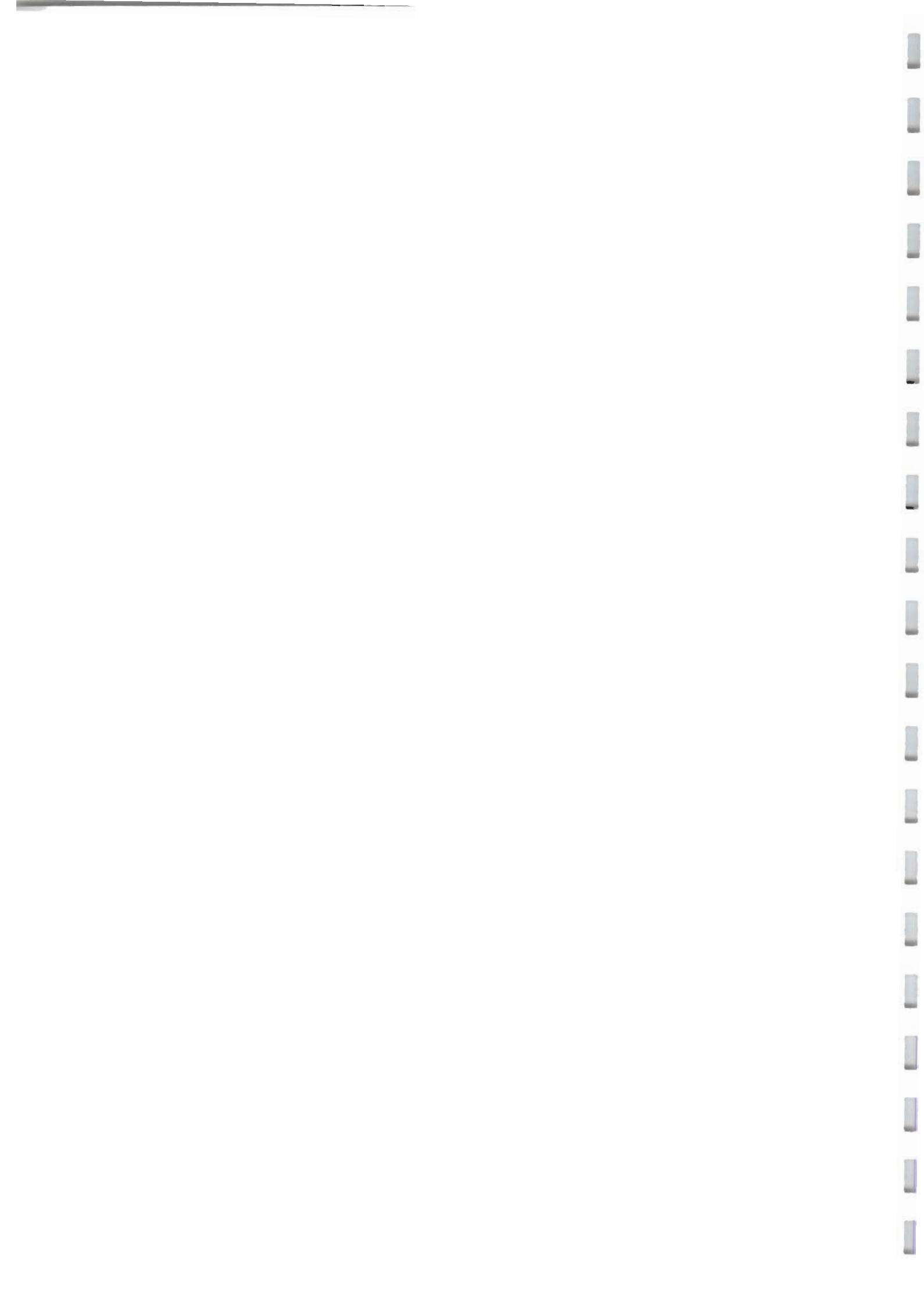


**Map 12 : NC 46/56**

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## 12.0 Map 12

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### 1. Kyle of Tongue (W)

**G/R:** NC 5621 5556  
**Location:** Coast-edge, a few m behind HWM  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 55 NE  
**Site Type:** ?Dyke  
**Date:** Post-Medieval

**Description:** On a slight slope at the W side of the Kyle is a small fragment of walling exposed for 1.5 m which is dry-stone constructed from small stones. Most of this feature has either been destroyed or is buried, and only the top of it shows through the turf.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Survey

## 2. Kyle of Tongue

**G/R:** NC 5602 5474  
**Location:** Coast-edge and extending c 150 m into Hinterland  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Deserted settlement  
**Date:** Post-Medieval  
**NMRS Number:** NC 55 SE 35

**Description:** This site is considerably more complex than the brief NMRS entry would suggest. On a knoll occupying a headland between the modern road and the shore is a deserted settlement consisting of several structures, an enclosing-wall, a kail-yard and an enclosing dyke. The longhouse survives to 0.6 m (five courses) high with well-faced, boulder-and-rubble packing constructed walls 0.8 m thick. This building measures 11 m N-S by 3.5 m internally. There is an entrance in the E wall. Abutting this structure and forming an enclosure at the W and NW is a turf-over-stone bank. The area enclosed measures 30 m N-S by 25 m and is irregularly-shaped. There is a 1 m wide entrance to this yard immediately N of the house. The depth of soil built up against the W wall of the bank and the greenness of the vegetation, suggest that this may have been a kail-yard. Approximately 95 m SSE of the yard is an area of probable cultivation, again defined by lush green vegetation. This area measures c 100 m N-S by 40 m and there are 10 m wide rigs in the S half and 3-4 m wide 'lazy-beds' in the N half. There is also a system of drainage cuts in this area. Located 25 m N of the first longhouse (see above) are the remains of another building. This structure measures 8 m N-S by 4 m internally and the walls survive up to 2 m high and are 0.8 m thick. There is a window in the E wall that has been blocked when another skin of stones was added to the outside of the walls. There is also a possible entrance on the S wall, framed by one *in situ* orthostat and another tumbled on the ground. There is a partition-wall or drain-cap across the S third of the interior. There is a three-sided extension at the N of this building which measures 5 m by 3.5 m and a further 9.5 m by 3.5 m (internally) rectangular, turf-clad bank abutts this at the N. This appears to represent several different phases of building on the same site. About 25.5 m N of this is another building aligned E-W and measuring 8.5 m by 2.6 m with a 1 m wide entrance on the S. There is a possible entrance in the N wall as well. There is an internal partition W of the entrance. This structure survives to a maximum 0.7 m high. This may be a threshing-barn with opposing entrances and aligned to take advantage of the wind. There are further elements to this complex which include a 3 m NNE-SSW by 2.5 m (internally) dry-stone structure standing to 1 m high which abutts the ephemeral remains of an earlier structure at the S end, defined by a low turf-bank. This is the most northerly of the buildings in this settlement. The whole settlement is enclosed by a 0.7 m high crudely-constructed dry-stone dyke and the E edge of the fields have been revetted at the coast-edge with a now ruinous dry-stone wall. There are further areas of cultivation and clearance-cairns at the E side of the headland.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Survey

### 3. Kyle of Tongue

**G/R:** NC 5584 5460  
**Location:** Hinterland, c 20-30 m from coast-edge  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Quarry  
**Date:** Modern

**Description:** Cut into the slope is at the W side of the modern road is a 10 m by 10 m quarry-scoop which is 0.7 m deep. This may be associated with the construction of the road. This is silting naturally.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Nil

### 4. Kyle of Tongue (W)

**G/R:** NC 5541 5432  
**Location:** Hinterland, c 10-20 m from HWM  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Quarry  
**Date:** Modern

**Description:** Cut into the slope at the W side of the modern road is a large quarry-scoop, with a diameter of some 15 m and up to 10 m high. This may be associated with the construction of the road. This is silting naturally from the up-slope side.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Nil

### 5. An Garbh-Allt

**G/R:** NC 5543 5430  
**Location:** Hinterland, close to coast-edge and HWM  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Bridge  
**Date:** Post-Medieval

**Description:** Carrying the modern road over the stream is a stone-and-mortar bridge which has a 1.8 m N-S span and is 3 m wide. The bridge is supported by a single arch 3.5 m high. The top of the parapet is approximately 5 m above the water. This bridge has been recently repointed with concrete, which has been spread over large patches, masking some of the stonework. At the SE end, the bank has been dry-stone revetted which is now slumping into the stream.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Monitor

## 6. Kyle of Tongue (W)

**G/R:** NC 5546 5412 (centred)  
**Location:** Intertidal zone and Hinterland  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Possible revetement  
**Date:** Modern/?Post-Medieval

**Description:** Running across the alluvial deposits and on to the mud below the HWM at the SW end of the Kyle is a post and wire fence. At the edge of this modern feature is a dump of stones which appear to have been placed in an attempt to shore up this stretch of the coast.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Nil

## 7. Kyle of Tongue (W)

**G/R:** NC 5533 5411  
**Location:** Coast-edge, at HWM  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Structural features  
**Date:** Unknown

**Description:** Visible in an eroded section at the SE side of a tidal-creek feeding into the Kyle is a deposit of boulders and large slabs protruding from below the turf-line. This extends across 0.8 m and is 0.6 m deep. This area is submerged at high-tide. There is too little of this feature visible to ascertain its origin.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Monitor

## 8. Kinloch

**G/R:** NC 5516 5372  
**Location:** Hinterland, c 40 m from HWM  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Quarry  
**Date:** Modern

**Description:** On the W side of the modern road there is a 10 m E-W by 8.5 m quarry scooped from the slope with a 1.5 m wide opening on the E side. This quarry may well be associated with the construction of the road. This is silting naturally from the up-slope side.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Nil

## 9. Kinloch

**G/R:** NC 5553 5287  
**Location:** Hinterland, 10-20 m from HWM  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Dyke  
**Date:** ?Post Medieval

**Description:** At the edge of a field of rough pasture at the SW side of the head of the Kyle is a section of stone dyke or revetment which is visible for two sections of 15 m and 10m separated by a gap of 3.4 m. The walling stands to at least five courses of water-rolled boulders (0.45 m high). This is situated S of a trackway and appears to retain soil on the S side. This feature is very overgrown with grass and moss.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Monitor

## 10. Kinloch

**G/R:** (a) NC 5564 5306  
(b) NC 5566 5307  
**Location:** Coast-edge, extending up to 300-400 m into Hinterland  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Township  
**Date:** ?Medieval/Post-Medieval  
**NMRS Number:** NC 55 SE 17

**Description:** The majority of the structures represented on the 1st edition of the OS 6-inch map (Sutherland 1878, sheet xxv) and those depicted on the current OS 1:10 000 map (1990) lie deep in the hinterland, and thus outside the scope of this survey. This is an un-named depopulated settlement in existence in 1747 and probably not cleared until around 1855. Two structures were recorded in this survey, both of which are depicted as circles on the current OS 1:10 000 map (1990) and described as 'bow-shaped' in the NMRS from Talbot's *D&ES* entry (1973, 55) and from a site-visit by the OS (JM) in 1978:

(a) On a raised-beach at the E of the mouth of the River Kinloch is a circular structure with a 14 m diameter, over a turf-and-stone bank 2 m wide and which stands to 0.4-0.7 m high. The stones which make up this bank are roughly-coursed and show through the turf cover sporadically. Most of the stone of the bank has tumbled and the SW quadrant of this enclosure is eroding heavily due to the elements. This may have been an enclosure for animals or to protect crops.

(b) Located immediately to the NE of the enclosure just described is an ovoid or sub-rectangular structure which measures 14m NE-SW by 10 m externally. There is an internal dividing wall in this structure which is located 5 m from the SW wall. Although largely turfed-over, this building would appear to be constructed from roughly-coursed stone with walls surviving to 0.7 m high. There is an artificial mound outside the NE end which measures 4 m NW-SE by 2.5 m and may represent an area of tumble from the primary structure or the ruins of a small secondary building.

There is a small length of turf-dyke located between these two structures which measures 7 m N-S, stands to 0.4 m high and is 1.5 m wide. The raised-beach on which these buildings stand exhibits extensive cultivation-marks across the level ground at NC 5560 5313 to NC 5565 5327 and again at NC 5572 5338 to NC 5585 5345. There is also a clearance-cairn formed of massive boulders within the latter area of cultivation.

These features are under little direct threat other than grazing and should be surveyed in conjunction with the rest of the township that lies in the hinterland.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Survey

### 11. Garbh CHnoc

**G/R:** NC 5664 5450  
**Location:** Coast-edge and extending into Hinterland  
**1:10 000 Map:** NC 55 SE  
**Site Type:** Dyke  
**Date:** Unknown

**Description:** On a very steep slope, between the base of vertical cliffs and the edge of a boulder-beach, is a very ruinous dyke which stands to 0.4 m high. This is in an area of dense scrub-and-woodland and is somewhat enigmatic, given the gradient it occupies.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Nil

### 12. Kyle of Tongue (E)

**G/R:** NC 5693 5518  
**Location:** Coast-edge and extending 100+ m into Hinterland  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 55 NE  
**Site Type:** Dyke  
**Date:** Post-Medieval

**Description:** On a steep slope running from SE down a steep slope to the NW for approximately 40 m, is a stone-and-turf dyke. This dyke survives best at the coast-edge where it is marked by huge boulders up to 4 m long. This end of the dyke stands up to 0.6-0.7 m high, getting lower as it runs up the slope. The dyke is 1 m wide and survives to 3-4 courses at most. This may be associated with the deserted township of Coill' Ardachaidh (NMRS number NC 55 NE 33) which was not located within this survey area.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Survey



### 13. Kyle of Tongue (E)

**G/R:** NC 5729 5655  
**Location:** Hinterland, at Coast-edge above HWM  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 55 NE  
**Site Type:** Dyke  
**Date:** Post-Medieval

**Description:** A length of turf field-dyke which is up to 0.5 m high and runs down a steep slope from the hinterland to c 15 m from HWM.

**Condition:** Fair  
**Recommendation:** Nil

### 14. Kyle of Tongue (E)

**G/R:** NC 5750 5570  
**Location:** Hinterland, from 6-106 m from HWM  
**1:10 560 Map:** NC 55 NE  
**Site Type:** Dyke  
**Date:** Post-Medieval

**Description:** A length of turf-dyke which is up to 1 m high and runs from over 100 m in the hinterland, down-slope to within 6-7 m of the HWM. This dyke is covered by trees and bracken.

**Condition:** Poor  
**Recommendation:** Nil

